

SPECIAL MEETING  
BOROUGH COUNCIL  
BOROUGH OF RUMSON  
June 28, 2007

A special meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson was held in the Charles S. Callman Courtroom of the Memorial Borough Hall on June 28, 2007 and was called to order by Acting Mayor Robert Kammerer at 4:40 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Acting Mayor Kammerer, Councilwoman DeVoe, Councilmen Hemphill, Rubin and Shanley.

Absent: Mayor Ekdahl and Councilman Broderick.

Thomas S. Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, was present.

Martin M. Barger, Borough Attorney, was not present.

C. Bernard Blum, Jr., Borough Engineer, was present.

The Acting Mayor declared a quorum present and announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met by the posting and mailing of a notice forwarded at least 48 hours in advance thereof to the *Asbury Park Press* and the *Two River Times*.

On motion by Councilwoman DeVoe, seconded by Councilman Rubin, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written, copies having been forwarded to all Council members. All in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

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**LETTER FROM JAMES A. SYLVESTER REQUESTING PERMISSION TO HOLD A BLOCK PARTY ON WASHINGTON AVENUE BETWEEN SOUTH WARD AND WATERMAN AVENUES FROM 3:00-9:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>:**

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The Municipal Clerk/Administrator advised of a letter dated June 25, 2007 to the Mayor and Council from James A. Sylvester of 22 Washington Avenue requesting permission to hold a block party on Washington Avenue between South Ward and Waterman Avenues on Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

In answer to a question by Councilwoman DeVoe, the Municipal Clerk/Administrator replied that Mr. Sylvester would be made aware of the requirements for an emergency access lane to be left open during the block party.

On motion by Councilwoman DeVoe, seconded by Councilman Hemphill, this communication was ordered received and permission granted for the Washington Avenue block party on July 7<sup>th</sup>. All in favor.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ONE (1) PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE YEAR 2007-2008:**

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Councilman Hemphill offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby approves the renewal of the following Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor License for the year 2007-2008:

1. John L. Yurish, T/A Brennan's Delicatessen, 42-44 West River Road, Rumson, N.J. (State Assigned License #1342-44-001-004);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforesaid approval is subject to the issuance of a Clearance Certificate for each license by the State Department of the Treasury, Division of Taxation.

Resolution seconded by Councilwoman DeVoe and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: DeVoe, Hemphill, Kammerer, Rubin and Shanley.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Councilman Broderick.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ACTING MAYOR ROBERT KAMMERER TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON CONCERNING THE CLOSING OF COUNTY ROUTE 8A (OCEANIC BRIDGE) BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN ON JULY 3, 2007 BETWEEN 8:00 P.M. AND 11:00 P.M. FOR THE BOROUGH'S CENTENNIAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY:**

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Councilwoman DeVoe stated that she felt that the Resolution should include the fact that the bridge would not be entirely closed and that an emergency lane would be left open during the 8:00-11:00 p.m. time period.

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator advised that that was one of the items addressed in the Rumson Police Department's incident action plan. He added that the liability insurance coverage

has been provided by the Borough's Joint Insurance Fund and the Borough has met all the other criteria requested by the County and Middletown Township.

Councilwoman DeVoe offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY  
OF MONMOUTH AND THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON CONCERNING THE  
CLOSING OF COUNTY ROUTE 8A (OCEANIC BRIDGE) BETWEEN THE  
BOROUGH OF RUMSON AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN  
ON JULY 3, 2007 BETWEEN 8:00 P.M. AND 11:00 P.M.**

WHEREAS, as part of the Borough of Rumson's Centennial Year, a fireworks display will be presented on July 3, 2007 from approximately 9:15-9:45 p.m. in the Navesink River off the shore of Rumson midway between the Oceanic Bridge and Rumson's border with the Borough of Fair Haven; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Officials feel that it would be in the best interest for the safety to the Borough residents and visitors to close the Oceanic Bridge to vehicle and pedestrian traffic due to the added number of vehicles and the expected crowd of spectators that will be coming to the area on July 3, 2007 for approximately a three-hour period; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson has met with and complied with the requests of the Monmouth County Agencies, including an incident action plan prepared by the Rumson Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson agrees to meet all the provisions of the Agreement regarding liability and insurance on file in the Municipal Clerk's office;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Acting Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that the Acting Mayor and Borough Administrator be authorized to enter into an Agreement with the County of Monmouth Board of Chosen Freeholders to close County Route 8A (Oceanic Bridge) between the Borough of Rumson and the Township of Middletown on July 3, 2007 between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Resolution seconded by Councilman Rubin and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: DeVoe, Hemphill, Kammerer, Rubin and Shanley.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Broderick.

**RAFFLE APPLICATION FOR FOOD BANK OF MONMOUTH AND OCEAN COUNTIES:**

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator stated that he had received an application for a raffle from Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties, 3300 Route 66, Neptune. Said raffle to be held at 26 Ridge Road on the following three dates in 2007: July 17, September 25<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

The Clerk stated that the application was in order and fees paid.

On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Councilman Hemphill, this application was approved. All in favor.

**COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

The Acting Mayor afforded the members of the Council an opportunity to be heard at this time and no one responded.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

The Mayor afforded the public an opportunity to be heard at this time and no one responded.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On motion by Councilwoman DeVoe, seconded by Councilman Hemphill, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas S. Rogers, R.M.C.  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator